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UPDATE OF TEMPORARY BUILDING CLOSURE AT YAVAPAI POINT

Please note that Yavapai Observation Station will closed again Sunday night, May 20, 2007, after normal operating hours and will remain closed through Wednesday, May 23 for completion of the installation of new exhibits. The dedication of the remodeled Yavapai Observation Station will take place on Thursday, May 24, at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the rededication ceremony. Photographs from the rededication ceremony will be posted on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/> following the event.

TEMPORARY BUILDING CLOSURE AT YAVAPAI POINT

Grand Canyon, Ariz. - The Yavapai Observation Station will be closed temporarily from Tuesday, May 1 through Friday, May 11, 2006. Exhibit redesign and building renovation have been ongoing and final installation of new exhibits will take place during this closure. The building will re-open to the public on Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. A rededication ceremony will take place on May 24.

The newly designed exhibits are made possible through the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which allows parks collecting fees to keep up to 80 percent of fee revenue for projects to enhance visitor services and to reduce the backlog of maintenance needs for recreation facilities. The new exhibits will showcase much that the original designers of the building envisioned in 1928 – namely, “mak[ing] the out-of-doors intelligible”. The beautifully crafted artwork, powerful photographs, and interpretive text will allow park visitors to see and understand the complicated geologic story with simplicity. These exhibits will serve as a

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catalyst for visitors to seek out the canyon resources on their own, and to experience intellectually and emotionally the powerful geologic processes still at work on the canyon today.

Yavapai Observation Station was originally opened in 1928 as one of the first educational and interpretive facilities at Grand Canyon National Park. The 3000 square foot structure is on the National Park Service List of Classified Structures and is eligible as a National Historic Landmark. Herbert C. Maier's "pueblo-style" architecture mimics that of architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter's many designs in the park.

A rededication of the building will take place on Thursday, May 24; at 3:00 p.m. Featured guest speakers will include Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior and George H. Billingsley, Geologist for the U.S. Geological Service. The event will be open to the public.

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